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SUBJECT: ATMOSPHERICS OF THREE MAJOR HAPPENINGS AT MEXICO CITY

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1. SUMMARY: THE NEXT TEN DAYS WILL SEE THREE EVENTS OCCURRING AT MEXICO CITY WHICH WILL HAVE SOME BEARING UPON 31ST GA AND ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE USG FOR SOME MONTHS TO COME. EFFORTS ARE ENTRAIN TO GIVE DUE COVERAGE TO THIS THREE-RING CIRCUS AND TO SORT FACT FROM FICTION WITH RESPECT TO THE POINTS SET FORTH IN REF 2. END SUMMARY.

2. FORTUITOUS EMBASSY IS HOUSING KITCHEN AND SEIFMAN IN HOTEL WHICH HAS BEEN USED BY PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE G-77 GROUP OF EXPERTS AND WILL BE USED BY MANY ATTENDEES AT THE ECLA-HABITAT SESSION. AS A RESULT IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF COLLEAGUES AND TO UPDATE OURSELVES ON THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE PREPCON. IT IS ALSO APPARENT THAT THE DEDICATION OF THE THIRD CONFIDENTIAL

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WORLD INSTITUTE ON SEPT 14 HAS INCREASED THE

NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL LEVEL ATTENDEES.

THE FACT OF THE THREE SESSIONS OVERLAPPING WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR A NUMBER OF G-77 TYPES WHO WOULD NORMALLY NOT OBSERVE THE ECLA-HABITAT PROCEEDINGS TO BE IN THE AREA. CONVERSELY, A GROUP OF NON-G-77 TYPES HERE FOR THE ECLA-HABITAT SESSIONS WILL HAVE AN EXPLAINABLE REASON TO OBSERVE AT CLOSE RANGE EVENTS OCCURRING AT THE G-77.

3. IN CONSULTATION WITH SERVERAL WELL-KNOWN G-77 REPS, KITCHEN HAS BEEN TOLD THAT LITTLE NEW SUBSTANTIVE GROUND CAN BE BROKEN

IN MEXICO. THE PRINCIPLE SUBSTANTIVE AIM IS TO ACHIEVE G-77 RATIFICATION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS REPORT AND OF THE COLOMBO PROCEEDINGS AND THEREFORE TAKE THE THIRD WORLD INTO GA 31 AS A UNIFIED POLITICAL ENTITY. AS OF EARLY FRIDAY AM, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE ISSUANCE OF A DECLARATION OF MEXICO CITY SO EARLY AFTER THE EXPERIENCES OF ABIDJAN WHERE RADICAL ELEMENTS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NO DOCUMENT TO THE CONSENSUS ONE WHICH EMERGED.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION IS PROCEEDING ON THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION WHERE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THE G-77 NOW FAVOR AN OECD TYPE SECRETARIAT ARRANGEMENT: OTHERS FAVOR A LOOSER SUPPORT STAFF ARRANGEMENT AND OTHERS WOULD PREFER THAT THE G-77 STRUCTURE NOT BE INSTITUTIONALIZED. WE ARE TOLD THAT THOSE IN THE LATTER GROUP FORESEE POSSIBLE CONFLICTS WITH THE NAC IN A STRUCTURED G-77 AT THIS STAGE.

5. SO FAR THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT THE BHUTTO CRUSADE FOR A THIRD WORLD SUMMIT HAS MOVED BEYOND ITS RATHER CHILLY RECEPTION AT ECOSOC 59 AND COLOMBO. WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO SOON CONTACT THE RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL PAKISTANI DELEGATION WHICH HAS ARRIVED AND ASCERTAIN WHAT THEIR NEXT MOVES WILL BE.

6. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AND EVEN MORE IGNORANCE WITH RESPECT TO HOW THE GOM WILL WISH TO ASSERT ITSELF RE A FOLLOW-UP TO VANCOUVER. THE PRESENT IMPRESSION IS THAT THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS FROM NON-  
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POLITICAL AND DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES IN ATTENDANCE. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE NOTION OF A SPECIFIC FOLLOW-UP ORGANIZATION TO HABITAT WILL BE INTRODUCED.

7. AT THIS STAGE THE MAJOR DIFFICULTY APPEARS TO BE THE SHEER PROBLEM OF COORDINATING THREE DISTINCT HAPPENINGS IN A LARGE CITY WHERE TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS ARE FORMIDABLE AND WHERE ACTIONS TAKEN BY ONE COUNTRY

DELEGATION IN ONE PART OF THE CITY WILL BE UNKNOWN TO  
ITS COLLEAGUES ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY.  
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